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ISEBERG et al.

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For: HIGH FIDELITY INSERT
EARPHONES AND METHODS
OF MAKING SAME

Examiner: Huyen D. Le

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STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW

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Dear Sirs:

Applicants submit this Statement Of The Substance Of The Interview in connection with the interview that was conducted on June 7, 2007. This submission is timely as it is being submitted within one month of the interview date.

REMARKS

Claims 59-73 and 75 are currently pending in this application. Applicants previously cancelled claim 74, but reserved the right to re-file the claim in a later application.

The November 3, 2006 Office Action

Claims 59, 67-68, 73 and 75 were rejected under 35 USC § 102 as being anticipated by Kelsey (USP 2,430,229). Claims 59-73 and 75 were rejected under 35 USC § 103 as being obvious in light of varying combinations of Miyahra (USP 4,447,677), Killion (USP 4,677,679) and Kelsey (USP 2,430,229).

The May 3, 2007 Response

Applicants submitted that the pending claims were allowable because, among other things, none of the cited references, whether taken alone or in combination, teach or suggest an "insert earphone providing a high fidelity response without requiring a long flexible tube between the hollow tubular portion of the housing and the resilient sealing member" as recited in independent claim 59.

The June 7, 2007 Interview

Applicants met with Examiner Le and discussed the Kelsey, Killion and Miyahra references. Applicants provided examples of hearing aids available at the time of the Kelsey and Killion references. Applicants submitted that the Kelsey and Miyahra references did not teach insert earphones that provide a high fidelity response. Applicants also submitted that the pending claims were allowable because, among other things, none of the cited references, whether taken alone or in combination, teach or suggest an "insert earphone providing a high fidelity response without requiring a long flexible tube between the hollow tubular portion of the housing and the resilient sealing member" as recited in independent claim 59. The Applicants and Examiner Le also discussed the potential for additional claims.

Dated: July 6, 2007

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